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2. KIDNAP OF SENIOR ARGENTINE AIR FORCE OFFICER (U)
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15. 1. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ ON 3 MAY 76 SOURCE A REPORTED AN UNIDENTIFIED ARGAF COMODORO (COL) HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE ERP. IN RESPONSE, ARGAF HAD (THROUGH UNSPECIFIED CHANNELS) INFORMED ERP THAT FIVE ERP MEMBERS CURRENTLY HELD BY ARGAF WOULD SUFFER SEVERE REPRISALS IF THE COMODORO WAS NOT FREED.
2. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ ON 4 MAY 76 SOURCE B CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT AN ARGAF COMODORO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BUT DECLINED TO PROVIDE THE NAME. HE STATED ARGAF WANTS MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY IN ORDER TO "PROTECT THE VICTIM'S LIFE." HOWEVER, HE OBLIQUELY REVEALED THE KIDNAP METHOD USED. APPARENTLY THE COMODORO WAS LURED TO AN ASSIGNATION WITH A YOUNG GIRL WORKING WITH THE ERP, AND THEN CAPTURED.
3. ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE C (WHO HAS REPORTED ACCURATELY [redacted] IN THE PAST) REPORTED TO THE EMB SY CHIEF THE VICTIM WAS COMODORO ECHEGOYEN (FNU). HE REPORTED THAT ERP OSTENSIBLY WANTS TO TRADE ECHEGOYEN FOR HIGH LEVEL CHILEAN MIR LEADER HELD BY GOA. HOWEVER, THE MIR AGENT IS DEAD.
4. [redacted] COMMENT ~~(C/WNINTEL/NOFORN)~~: A. FROM INFORMATION IN THE ARGAF OFFICER ROSTER IT APPEARS OFFICER MAY BE ROBERTO MOISES ECHEGOYEN SN 00836.
B. TIME OF CAPTURE HAS NOT BEEN PINPOINTED BUT IT MAY BE EARLY AS MID APRIL. IF SO, IT INDICATES A HIGH DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN KEEPING THE INFORMATION SECRET FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
C. IF TRUE, THE CAPTURE OF A HOSTAGE TO TRADE FOR A TERRORIST ALREADY KILLED IN CAPTIVITY (OR DURING CAPTURE) IS REMINISCENT OF THE KIDNAP ON 27 FEB 76 AD SUBSEQUENT MURDER OF US CONSUL EGAN IN CORDOBA (31248-6411W) (SEE IR [redacted] THEN THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE IMPOSSIBLE DEMAND TO TRADE EGAN FOR TERRORISTS KNOWN TO BE DEAD, WAS PROBABLY PUBLICITY. EVENTUALLY EGAN WAS MURDERED. NOW THE GOA/ARGAF HAVE SO FAR SUCCESSFULLY SUPRESSED ALL PUBLICITY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR MAN. HOWEVER, IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THE OFFICER WILL BE RETURNED ALIVE.
THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORD WITH/EMBASSY.
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